

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Town of Framingham. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2004.*

### **Residents of the Town of Framingham**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2004, there were 102,226 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 1.3% (1,333) of these admissions reside in the Town of Framingham. 1.9% (25) of admissions from the Town of Framingham were under 18 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only admissions, and can represent a figure larger than the actual number of individuals.** In FY 2004, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Town of Framingham reported the following characteristics:

- 67% were male and 33% were female.
- 57% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 67% were white non-Latino, 10% were black non-Latino, 17% were Latino, and 6% were other racial categories.
- 66% were never married, 13% were married, and 21% reported not to be married now.
- 28% had less than high school education, 55% completed high school, and 17% had more than high school education.
- 36% were employed.
- 29% were homeless.
- 34% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients identify a “primary drug” of use which is the substance currently causing them the most problems. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Town of Framingham.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2004</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
Town	42%	36%	8%	6%	5%
State	43%	39%	5%	4%	2%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Number of admissions Reporting Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2004</b>							
<b>Town of Framingham</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '96</b>	1,327	1,008	363	489	278	538	424
<b>FY '97</b>	965	766	249	328	165	328	252
<b>FY '98</b>	971	725	209	247	133	331	262
<b>FY '99</b>	1,169	908	314	312	201	386	280
<b>FY '00</b>	1,367	1,026	313	291	162	452	358
<b>FY '01</b>	1,519	1,128	349	339	189	519	363
<b>FY '02</b>	1,554	1,151	356	320	228	463	352
<b>FY '03</b>	1,567	1,110	395	378	209	513	375
<b>FY '04</b>	1,333	910	410	375	219	511	360

### **Heroin and Injection Drug Use**

Figure 1 below shows the proportional increases in all admissions in the Town of Framingham and the proportional increase in admissions reporting heroin and injection drug use, a factor driving increases in HIV.

